Missouri Department of Natural Resources

RECREATIONAL USE ATTAINABILITY ANALYSES
PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comment Period
May 21, 2008 – August 31, 2008

Whites Creek
Unclassified segment upstream of WBID # 2548

Unclassified
Douglas County

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Stream Usage Survey

1. Stream Name (Please enter the full name) White's Creek

2. County (Please enter the county or counties where the use occurs) Douglas

3. City or Town (Please enter city or town closest to the area of use) Ava

4. Where do you use the stream? If use occurs in multiple locations, please list them all below. (Please be specific so the location can be identified on a map, e.g., 9th Street Bridge, Anytown City Park, Quarter Section-Township-Range, Latitude/Longitude, etc).

We wade and swim all thru my property, the first half mile or so of White's CReek

5. Have you or your family personally used the stream at this site(s) for recreation since Nov. 28, 1975?

(x) Yes If Yes, go to Question #6 ( ) No If No, go to Question #11

6. Have you or your family personally used the stream at this site(s) for any of the following whole body contact recreation activities? Please select all that apply:

[x] Swimming [ ] Tubing [ ] Snorkling/Skin Diving [ ] Water Skiing

7. How many times per year have you or your family personally used the stream for these activities? 20

8. Have you or your family personally used the stream at this site(s) for any of the following secondary contact recreation activities? Please select all that apply:

[ ] Fishing [ ] Wading [ ] Boating [ ] Trapping

9. How many times per year have you or your family personally used the stream for these activities? 0

10. How many of these times did children wade or play in the stream? 0

11. Have you observed or heard of others using the stream at this site(s) for recreation since Nov. 28, 1975?

(x) Yes If Yes, go to Question #12 ( ) No If No, go to Question #17

12. Have you observed or heard of others using the stream at this site(s) for any of the following whole body contact recreation activities? Please select all that apply:

[x] Swimming [ ] Tubing [ ] Snorkling/Skin Diving [ ] Water Skiing

13. How many times per year have you observed or heard of others using the stream for these activities? 10

14. Have you observed or heard of others using the stream at this site(s) for any of the following secondary contact recreation activities? Please select all that apply:

[ ] Fishing [ ] Wading [ ] Boating [ ] Trapping

15. How many times per year have you observed or heard of others using the stream for these activities? 0

16. How many of these times did you observe or hear of children wading or playing in the stream? 0

17. Do you have additional comments you would like to provide the department regarding this stream?

It's a spring fed year around creek that is enjoyed whenever the days are HOT. There are plenty of holes deep enough for full body contact!

18. In the event the department has questions, please provide the following contact information:

First Name: Lisa Last Name: Rollens
Address 1: Rt 5 Box 442 Address 2:
City: Ava State: Missouri Zip Code: 65608 -
Phone Number: (417) 683 - 9205 ext. E-mail: rollens@fidnet.com

Thank you for taking time to complete our stream use survey. We appreciate your interest and involvement in protecting

"Lisa Rollens" <rollens@fidnet.com>
09/04/2008 03:00 PM

To "Michael Kruse" <michael.kruse@dnr.mo.gov>
cc
bcc
Subject Re: White's Creek

Not a bother at all. I am glad to see people interested in clean water. Yes, the area we swim in is between 305 and 14...the closest spot between those two roads (not the interesection), with the power lines between them. And yes, again, the power lines run right thru my property and cross the creek. that part is dry a good part of a dry year (not this year!) and the place we swim is about am 1/8th of a mile farther down the creek...and all the way to the edge of my property. Many small springs keep it running. Thanks again! Lisa

----- Original Message -----
From: Michael Kruse
To: Lisa Rollens
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 11:38 AM
Subject: Re: White's Creek

Thank you, I think I'm looking at the right area now. Is the area you use for swimming between road 14-305 and Highway 14? (in section 33, township 26N, range 15W) I see the power lines that cross Whites Creek. Do these run through your property? Thanks again for all your help, sorry to be a bother.

Mike Kruse
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"Lisa Rollens" <rollens@fidnet.com>

09/04/2008 10:49 AM

To "Michael Kruse" <michael.kruse@dnr.mo.gov>
cc
Subject Re: White's Creek

Hi,

Sorry to nor have gotten back to you sooner. Our phone lines are terrible, esp. in wet weather. No phone, no computer. (Right now I am at 16.8 kbps-barely useable)

If you find Ava on a map and go east on Hwy 14, approx 7.4 miles out, you will find a bridge. That is over White's Creek. You will have passed county road V V, but not yet passed county road AB. Then, follow the creek back towards town. For a while it meanders along the road. Where it turns and goes off across some bottom land...that is where we swim and get cool, and that is my property. If you can find it on the map, right in the middle of my property the creek designation changes to a dashed line...wet

weather creek. From the middle of my property towards the road it is a solid line...continuously flowing creek.

Come to think of it, I don't know if bridges are on maps???

Here's another thought...do you have the Missouri Detailed Topographic Maps book that is sold at WalMart and Sam's? It has all the backroads of MO in it. Excellent map. I don't leave home without it! Anyway, map/page 63, D8. If you look in the D8 square, you will see power lines going north and south. Follow them to the very top of D8. My farm is right there and the creek is shown. Farther down, where it crosses 14, the name is shown.

Let me know if this helps, andif not, I will go dig out the official description.

Thanks for your interest! Lisa

PS Now that I think about it, I know that my neighbor takes her son and friends down the the 14 bridge for "while body contact" during the summer, too....when there is water in it!

----- Original Message -----
From: Michael Kruse
To: rollens@fidnet.com
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 10:08 AM
Subject: FW: White's Creek

Ms. Rollens,

Thanks again for completing a stream usage survey for White's Creek. To ensure I apply your comments to the correct stream, could you please provide more information as to the locations where your whole body recreational uses occur? I haven't had much luck locating your property with the maps I have. If there is a specific bridge crossing you use or if you know the township , section, and range or any other locational information you can provide that would be extremely useful. If you would rather call than e-mail, I am available from 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday. I also have voicemail if you cannot reach me during those hours.

Thanks again,

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----- Forwarded by Michael Kruse/WPCP/DEQ/MODNR on 09/04/2008 10:04 AM -----

Michael Kruse /WPCP/DEQ/MODNR

08/29/2008 03:08 PM

To rollens@fidnet.com
cc
Subject White's Creek

Ms. Rollens,

Thank you for providing information regarding recreational uses on White's Creek via our Stream Usage Survey. This type of information will be extremely helpful in assigning the appropriate use designations and applicable water quality standards (WQS) to this stream. To better aid us, could you provide more specific information regarding the locations where your recreational uses occur so they could be identified on a map? (e.g., crossroads, bridge crossing, closest town, section/township/range, etc.) I appreciate your assistance and look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks again,

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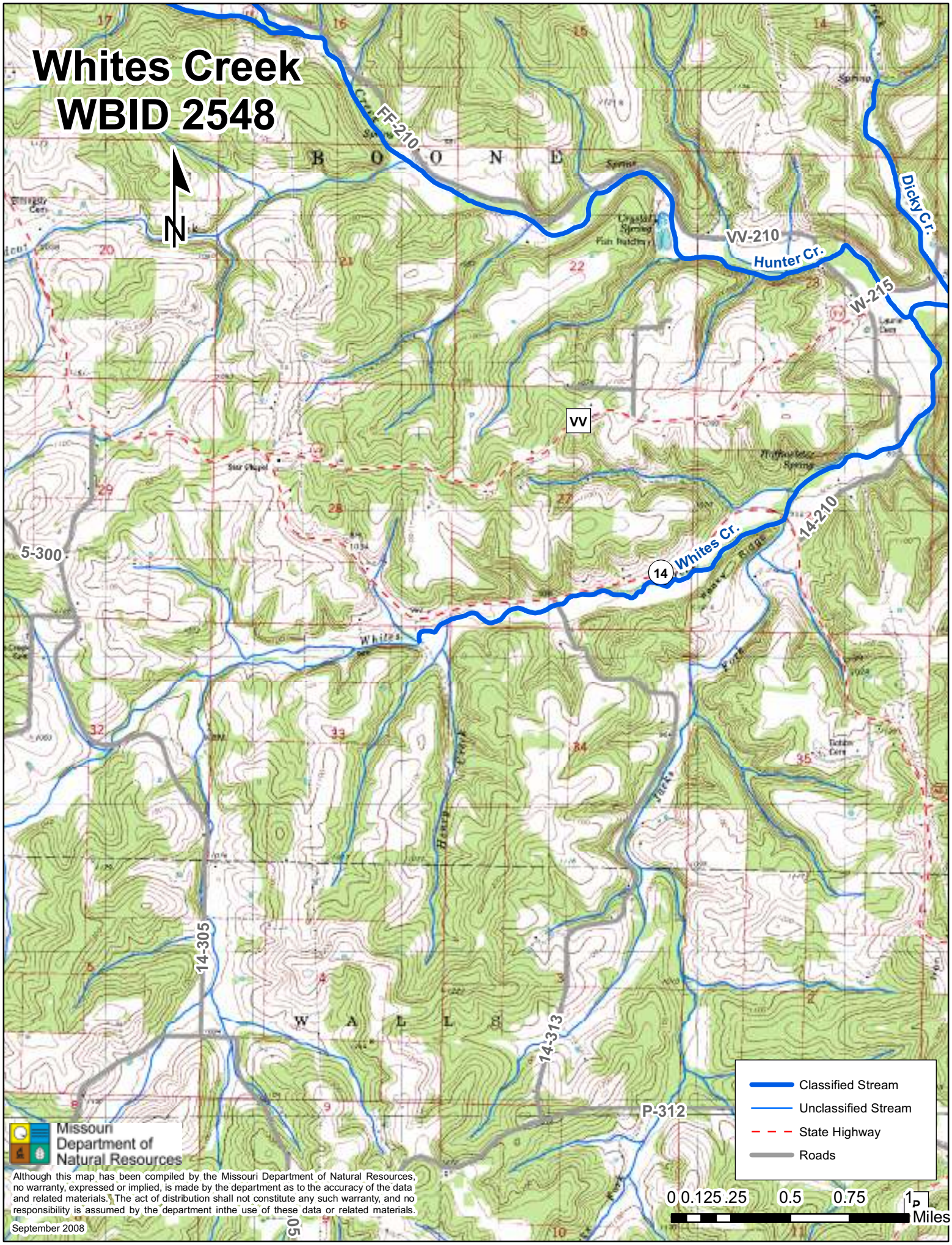

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